

Riverbend Education Solutions, LLC

Description of Advising Services

Junior Year Comprehensive package

This service starts junior year to early summer of senior year, and includes the following:

- **minimum** of six targeted one-on-one sessions (1.5 to 2 hours each)
- additional phone and email contact
- access to resources such as:
 - *College Planner Pro* subscription
 - A copy of *College Match: A Blueprint for Choosing the Best Schools for You, 12th ed.* by Steven Antonoff, Ph.D,
 - Lynn O'Shaughnessy's *College Cost Lab*
 - *Corsava Cards* – recognizing multiple factors to choosing a college

Free Initial Consultation Visit: Introduce services and expectations for client and consultant. This is a no-obligation session and is not included as part of the packaged hours.

All sessions are face-to-face or via Zoom

Session One (face-to-face or via Zoom)

- Interest and Personality Surveys
 - We will discuss students and family's college expectations and preferences and provide online and text surveys for student to reflection on what they are looking for in the good fit school. Surveys may include Myers-Briggs Personality assessment and Corsava Cards.
- Review of current high school curriculum and extracurriculars
 - Students and parents will share current high school transcripts, standardized test results, and extracurricular activities. The information provided will create informed college lists. A standardized testing schedule will be created to help student plan when to take the test, identify target scores, and create study schedule if necessary.
- Access to College Planner Pro
 - Register student for CPP and go over features of the program so students may start communication and exploration of schools. College Planner Pro enhances student's organization through the Communication via email will start to help build college lists.
parent participation requested

Session Two –

- Determining College Costs for your individualized need
 - Introducing college cost tools such as Estimated Financial Contribution (EFC), Cost of Attendance (COA), and the Net Price Calculator (NPC). Families will want to have previous year tax and asset information available to complete worksheets either online or hands on.
Parent participation requested

Session Three –

- Building College lists
 - Review and reflect initial college lists created both by consultant and student. The list is used for further research and will divide schools into four tiers - reach, challenge, target, and safety colleges. RES and the client will continue to research and refine the list communicating throughout the process. WE will use virtual campus tools and data sites to research schools prior to campus visits.
- Evaluating class schedule for senior year courses and extracurriculars.

Session Four –

- College visit preparation
 - Campus visit planning will be discussed to determine when to make visits, questions to ask, look-fors, and meeting with area admission representatives. Visits and research will be vital to narrowing the list of schools before senior year. RES will not set up visits or interviews at colleges.

Session Five –

- Reflect on campus visits and narrow list over time. This is the first of two sessions where discussing college visits and narrowing the list will be a priority. We will work on planning for summer programs and activities to ensure a solid extracurricular list.
- Senior Summer resume
 - Discuss opportunities for summer enrichment for service, travel, sports, arts.

Session Six –

- Review Applications
 - We will review applications (Common Application, Coalition, and/or School/Program application) from each school on students list and brainstorm personal statement outline.
 - A discussion of preparing for completing the FAFSA and CSS profile, merit aid, and outside scholarships may also occur.

Parent participation requested